

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: Medical Device with Sponge Coating for Controlled Drug Release  
Applicants: Ni DING *et al.*  
Group Art Unit: 3763  
Examiner: Theodore J. Stigell

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
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**RESPONSE TO DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 27, 2008, Applicants submit an executed Power of Attorney and a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Applicants believe no fees are due, but authorize charging of any underpayment or crediting of any overcharge to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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